

## Legislation Text

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### Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution authorizes a sole source service contract with the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness for services to support the Dane County Health Council's (Health Council) project "Saving our Babies". As a member of the Health Council, Public Health will contract with the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness to implement strategies and initiatives based on the Saving Our Babies report. The 2024 Public Health operating budget includes \$50,000 in Dane County funding for this contract. The total cost of the services will be \$69,216 per year and the difference will be supported with existing resources in Public Health's 2024 operating budget. The resolution also authorizes the Public Health Director, or their designee, to sign the 2024 agreement, as well as agreements for the same scope and total amount in subsequent years. No appropriation is required.

### Title

Authorizing a sole source service contract with the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness for services to support the Dane County Health Council's project "Saving our Babies".

### Body

WHEREAS, the Dane County Health Council (Health Council) is a self-organized group of health care providers, government entities, and non-profit organizations that works to eliminate gaps and barriers to optimal health and reduce disparities in health outcomes. Public Health Madison & Dane County (Public Health) is a member; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Health Council adopted a shared goal of eliminating inequities in low birth weight and infant mortality for babies born to African American birthing people in Dane County as part of the Community Health Needs Assessment; and

WHEREAS, since 2018, the Health Council has engaged the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness in the Saving Our Babies consultancy to implement strategies to address the findings of the Saving Our Babies report; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Health Council, Public Health will contract with the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness to provide strategic vision, leadership, project management, and coordination with the Health Council to implement strategies and initiatives based on the Saving Our Babies report. The Foundation for Black Women's Wellness will work closely with the Health Council to move forward the work of addressing the disparities and inequities in low birth weight and infant mortality in the African American community; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 2024 Public Health Operating Budget, the Dane County Board of Supervisors adopted the "Saving our Babies Initiative" budget amendment (PHMD-PHMD-7), which increased ongoing funding to PHMDC by \$50,000 to contract with the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness for the Saving Our Babies initiative; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the services will be \$69,216 per year; and

WHEREAS, MGO 4.26 requires Common Council approval of service contracts up to 5 years and not more than \$100,000 or more per year if the contractor was not selected through a competitive selection process,

and the reasons for selecting this contractor are set forth above and in the attached Noncompetitive Selection Request Form; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County on behalf of Public Health Madison and Dane County is authorized to execute a sole source service contract with the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Public Health Director, or their designee, is authorized to sign the 2024 agreement, as well as agreements for the same scope and total amount in subsequent years.